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SIR :

In compliance with the duty of disclosure according to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, Applicant presents herein prior art references which are believed at this time to be relevant to the subject matter of the instant patent application. Copies of the references, which are listed in the annexed PTO-1449 (equivalent) form, are enclosed.

The enclosed references were cited in an International Search Report mailed on November 1, 2000 and performed by the European Patent Office (copy enclosed). Ref. AE, which is in the German language, is cited for the reasons specified on the European Search Report.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and (e), Applicant certifies that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement which was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application was cited not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no fee is required.

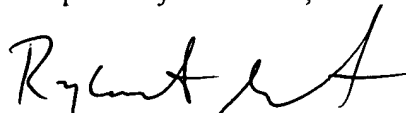
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In addition to the foregoing, Applicant encloses a copy of JP No. 5-74391 (Ref. AC). This reference was cited in the text of the specification, but a copy was not previously provided. The relevance of the Japanese language text was discussed beginning at page 2, line 21 of the present patent application. Moreover, a Continued Prosecution Application was filed on October 23, 2000, and, to the best of Applicant's knowledge, no Office Action has issued thereon.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner examine the present application, allow the claims, and pass the application for issue. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution of this case can be expedited by a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated hereinbelow.

Respectfully submitted,



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